

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, Claims 1-20 remain in the application, of which claims 1, 6, 9, 11, 12, and 18 are each independent. The above-identified Office Action has been reviewed, the references carefully considered, and the Examiner's comments carefully weighed. In view thereof, the present Amendment B is submitted. It is contended that by the present amendment, all bases of rejection set forth in the Office Action have been traversed and overcome. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS**Claim rejections 35 USC 102**

At item 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 18-20 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC 102(a) as anticipated by Jones (6,588,417).

The applicant respectfully asserts that substantive differences exist between the applicant's invention and that disclosed by Jones. For example, the uppermost surface of applicant's stove is defined by the upper surface of the support rack. In contrast, Jones provides a conventional stove designed for indoor use, with a raised rear control panel forming the uppermost surface of the stove. Claim 11 has been amended to recite this difference therein.

Further, applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 4 therein, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if made independent. This places claim 1 in

condition for allowance. Claim 4 has been canceled in light of the amendment to claim 1.

Each of claims 6 and 9 has also been amended, to place these claims into independent form, respectively, and to place them in condition for allowance.

Applicant therefore requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 18-20 under 35 USC 102(a) as anticipated by Jones.

35 USC 103 Issues

In item 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 8 under 35 USC 103, as unpatentable over Jones. Claim 8 depends from claim 1, and since claim 1 has been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter, the Examiner's rejection of claim 8 has been overcome by such amendment.

Applicant therefore requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 8 under 35 USC 103, as unpatentable over Jones.

As presently amended, applicant's claims patentably distinguish over the teachings of the cited references, considered alone or in any reasonable combination thereof.

Conclusion

Based on all of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that all of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action have been overcome, and that as presently amended, all of the pending claims are believed to be allowable over all of the references of record, whether considered singly or in combination.

Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record, and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner is not fully convinced of all of the claims now in the application, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephonically contact applicant's undersigned representative to expeditiously resolve prosecution of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$200 for two independent claims in excess of three, as well as to charge any deficiency which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, and to credit any excess paid during the entire pendency of the application, to Deposit Account 50-0744 in the name of Carrier, Blackman & Associates, P.C.

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Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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